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R 081248Z AUG 78
FM AMEMBASSY DUBLIN
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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
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AMEMBASSY MASERU
AMEMBASSY MBABANE
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT: IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO AFRICA

1. IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER MICHAEL O'KENNEDY WILL VISIT KENYA, SWAZILAND, LESOTHO, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA AND SUDAN DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 24 TO SEPTEMBER 12.
2. LESOTHO, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA AND SUDAN ARE PRIORITY COUNTRIES FOR IRELAND'S BILATERAL AID PROGRAM, AND O'KENNEDY WILL HAVE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS THERE ON THE CURRENT STATUS AND PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM (WHOSE TOTAL FUNDS FOR PROJECT EXPENDITURE IN 1978 ARE 2.4 MILLION POUNDS, OR ABOUT \$4.7 MILLION). HE HOPES TO ANNOUNCE EXTENSION OF THE PROGRAM TO SWAZILAND. KENYA IS NOT NOW BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM, BUT O'KENNEDY PLANS TO EXPLORE HOW IRISH TECHNICAL SKILLS MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE THERE.

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3. COMMENT: THE TRIP'S EMPHASIS IS CLEARLY ON IRISH BILATERAL RELATIONS AND COMMERCIAL TIES WITH THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. HOWEVER, O'KENNEDY WILL ALSO DISCUSS BROADER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES WITH HIS HOSTS. HE WILL ALSO DISCUSS OPENING AN IRISH EMBASSY IN NAIROBI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THIS
SMALL NEUTRAL NATION'S ASSISTANCE WOULD BE USEFUL AT
THIS JUNCTURE IN ADVANCING US OBJECTIVES IN ANY OF THE
COUNTRIES CONCERNED, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS
TO APPROACH THE MFA. SHANNON

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